

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday Masses Monday, Wednesday
Thursday, Friday & Saturdays: 8:00 am

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:00 am

Tuesday Mass: 5:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday,
7:00-7:50 am or by appointment.

Tuesdays, 5-5:20 pm

Baptisms: Meeting first Thursday of the
month. Preregistration required.

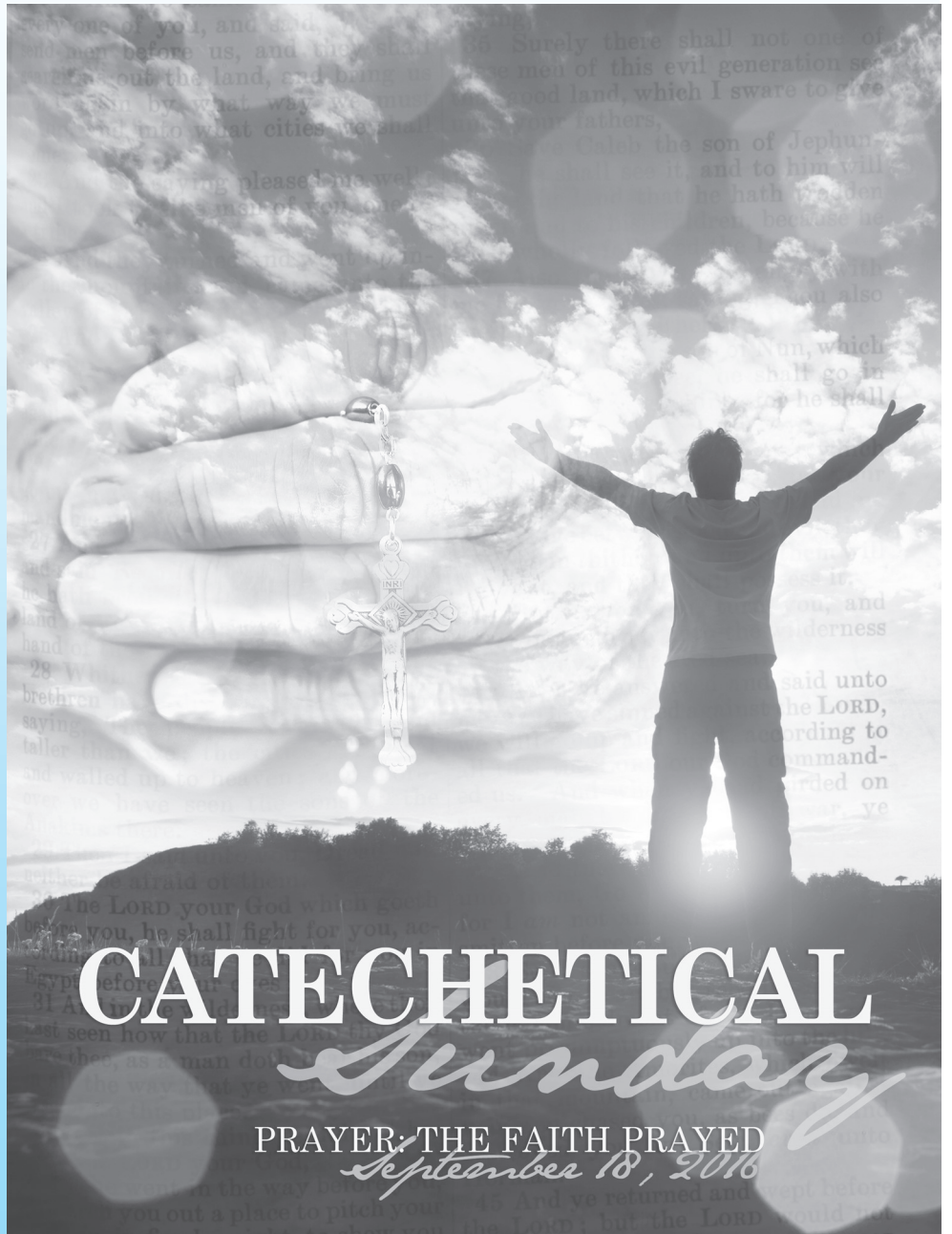
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9
months prior to the wedding date.

Funerals: To be arranged by contacting
the Parish Office.

Change of Address or Telephone

Number: Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 pm Monday.



CATECHETICAL

Sunday

PRAYER: THE FAITH PRAYED

September 18, 2016

Catechetical Sunday September 18, 2016

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www.epiphanystl.org

LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,

1. Faith and Family Programs:

Faith & Family Programming For Tuesday September 20: Blue Knights, Little Flowers, Young Disciples & Pillars of the Faith (with Deacon James) will all meet this week at 6:30. It is not too late to get involved in these great programs.

2. Children's Hospital

Starting in September, in addition to my work at the parish I will begin serving the Catholics of the Archdiocese of St. Louis as a PRN (Per Needed Basis) Chaplain. This means that from time to time, I will be asked to go to Children's Hospital and perform emergency baptisms, talk to families, and with children over the age of seven perform anointings of the sick. Please pray for me as I take on this new responsibility and please pray for an increase in vocations.

3. Our Words do Have Consequences

A few months ago, my mother came to Mass and sat down next to someone before Mass began who was reading the parish bulletin. The man began to complain to her about something he read not realizing that she was my mother and made her very uncomfortable. About two months later, a woman yelled at another woman on the parking lot for the way her children were behaving in Church. This woman being yelled at was a friend of mine visiting and has expressed that she has no desire to come back to Epiphany again. Last week, I received a letter from a former parishioner, who wrote about how important Epiphany was for him growing up and that he had just returned to St. Louis after being gone for twenty plus years. He came to Epiphany for Mass and appreciated the warm welcome he received from everyone so much that he enclosed a check for \$10,000. From time to time, I think it is important to remind ourselves that our words influenced by our attitudes do have a major effect in our parish, our community, and our world.

4. Weekly Shout Out!!!

My shout out this week goes to all those parishioners who keep volunteering and helping make our parish great. We are a truly blest parish to have so many dedicated parishioners who devote so much time to making Epiphany the great parish that it is.

5. Blessed Virgin Mary October Madness

Our build up for our Blessed Virgin Mary October Madness is on its way. As of Monday (August 29) we have 12 brackets turned in and so if the winner was decided today he or she would get \$60.00. There is still time to participate and drive that prize money up since this event is really a fancy 50/50. A few things to remember: 1. People can play more than once. 2. Completed Brackets must be turned in by September 30th. 3. If you are having a hard time understanding the bracket this circle the title you think will win and the parish staff will fill in the rest for you. 4. Complete rules and more information about the Marian titles can be found at www.epiphanystl.org.

6. Missing Uniforms

Saint Raphael's Athletic Association is asking for anyone who has a Saint Raphael Athletic uniform and is not currently using it for a current sport to please return it to Saint Raphael as soon as possible.

7. Young Adult Meeting

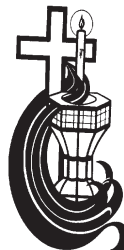
On Tuesday September 20th at 6:30 in the Rectory, I will host a meeting for young adults. At this meeting, I hope that we can develop a plan to provide some form of consistent outreach to the young adults of our area.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized:

*Caden Isaiah Frei
Ava Elizabeth Soehlin
Colin Patrick Smith*

Congratulations to the proud parents and families of our newest members! May the blessing of the Lord be always upon them!



Prolife Events Project Rachel is a spiritual support group for post-abortive women. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 pm. A day retreat in Spanish will be held on Saturday, September 24th. For more information or location details, please call or email Project Rachel at 314-792-7565 or stlprojectrachel@archstl.org. You may also contact our Spiritual Support Coordinator for Project Rachel, Marisol Pfaff, during office hours at 314-792-7451 or mpfaff@archstl.org.

Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 2nd from 2-3 pm. This prayerful witness has the potential to influence scores of people who drive past the Life Chains and are reminded of abortions impact on women and their unborn babies.

Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly Saturday, Oct. 8th Missouri Capitol Building in Jefferson City. Keynote speaker is Bishop Rice. Bus transportation available. To register online visit: www.mocatholic.org or call 1-800-456-1679. Sunday, Oct. 16th Respect Life Convention at St. Charles Convention Center. Exhibits and workshops are free of charge. Tickets for luncheon and keynote speaker are \$45 per person for reservations made before September 28th. Special pricing of \$25 for youth and students. Anyone interested in attending, please call Marilyn or Gerry Unger at 314-645-3483.

LifeTeen Attention All High-schoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, September 14th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Avenue entrance) as we kick off our fall series on "The Promise" - we will be looking at God's promises to us and why they still matter. As always, please see www.saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

Stewardship "No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13
Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increases our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Spiritual Ponderings

Spiritual Randomness:

For the last two weeks of September I would like to reflect on Ten ways to getting back into the habit of going to Sunday Mass.

I was driving down the road one morning when I saw a sign in the front yard of the Church that read “Without the Bread of life You Are Toast!!!” I hope that you have or at least coming closer to the same conclusion.

1. Just Go

I can share with you a million reasons, why I have never been a big fan of exercise. The number one reason is that for a majority of my life, I have felt that the people who have told me that I need to exercise and lose weight were also people who I felt never took the time to get to know me as a person. This made it seem like all they cared about was my outward appearance. Today, I realize that I have to stop worrying what other people think of me and I have to exercise for own health. I also know that the longer I stay committed to an exercise routine, the easier it is to take the time each day to exercise. Go to Mass because it is what best for you and don't worry what other people are going to think of you. You will discover the longer you keep committed to going to Church the less other people's opinions will matter and the less excuses you will have not to go.

2. Go with Somebody and Share Your Experience

A priest classmate of mine spent some time in England in college before entering the seminary. While he was England he made some really good friends, whom he invited to the United States for his ordination. My classmate desiring to give his friends from England a true American experience took his friends from England to a baseball game. Later, he shared with me that his friends from England enjoyed the game a lot but had difficulty understanding why a ball hit out of the ballpark was called a home run even if the visiting team hit it. In their mind if a visiting team player hit the ball out of the park then it should be called a “visitor's run” and not a “homerun.” It was therefore good for them to have my classmate there to explain to them the real meaning of the word “homerun.”

In the same way it is good to start going back to Church with another person who can help you understand better what is going on. If this is not possible, do not be afraid to ask the priest questions after Mass. The priest might not be able to answer you right away, but he should be able to get back to you and help you understand what is going on in the Mass better.

Finally, when Jesus sent His apostles and disciple's out, He did so two by two and I have come to see there is a real wisdom behind this. Having someone do something with me gives me someone who is going to hold me accountable and someone to share my feelings with.

3. Pray with the Scripture Ahead of Time

I normally make it a personal rule in life not to watch a movie sequel until I have seen the original movie. The thought is that the original will help me understand the sequel better. The Church gives us a three year cycle of Scripture Readings for us to pray over at Mass. Sometimes these passages go in order and sometimes they are more random depending on what we are celebrating as a community. I have discovered that taking ten minutes before Mass and reading the Scripture Passages I will hear at Mass plus a little bit of the Scripture before the Mass reading and a little after so that I can get the context. I might even go and look up certain characters in a Scripture commentary or dictionary so that I can better understand the readings that I will hear at Mass.

One mental game that I used to play with myself before I became a priest at Mass was I tried to guess what the priest or deacon was going to preach about. I would give myself some mental points if I guessed correctly or even more imaginary points if I thought my insights were better. Either way, I found myself paying attention to the Scripture Readings at Mass.

4. Study the Mass

I remember watching a news report one day about the United States sending an aircraft carrier to an island nation in the Pacific that had been hit by a typhoon. The reporter was questioning the Navy spokesman about why the United States would send such a weapon into an area that was devastated by this natural disaster. The Navy spokesman responded that yes the aircraft carrier was primarily used as a weapon but beyond that it was also a floating hospital, a water purifying plant, and I believe also its own power plant. The Navy spokesman went on to talk about all the good the United States was doing by providing medical care to those in need, clean drinking water, and power to the devastated area. I thought to myself that the reporter could have saved himself some embarrassment if he had learned more about aircraft carriers before asking his questions. In the same way, the more I learn about the Mass the more I am amazed at all that is going on in this Divine Mystery.

Spiritual Reflection: Jesus holds up the model of the shrewd manager in today's Gospel not as an endorsement of larceny but for his ingenuity in getting things done. In the parable, Jesus is asking why we are not as industrious or as dedicated in pursuing the lasting things of God as we are to the impermanent and far less important things of the world. Our faith should challenge us to be as ingenious for the sake of God's reign as we are in our careers and professions, to be as ready and willing to use our time and money to accomplish great things in terms of the Gospel as we are to secure our own security and happiness. Christ calls us to use the cleverness, skill and ingenuity of the wily steward to build the kingdom of God in our time and place.

Spiritual Questions:

1. Name someone who you think is a genius and some of the traits that he or she has.
2. Name a problem in the world today. How can you use your talents to help solve this problem?
3. Name a problem in your parish? How can you use your talents to help solve this problem?
4. Name a problem in your family life? How can you use your talents to help solve this problem?
5. Name a time in which you failed to rise to the occasion? What prevented you?

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 18
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Eileen & Jim Cox

Monday, September 19
 8:00 am Special Intentions

Tuesday, September 20
 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 5:30 pm Mary Bourke

Wednesday, September 21
 8:00 am Darius Vilcinskas

Thursday, September 22
Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 8:00 am John Jankowski

Friday, September 23
 8:00 am Laura Pennington

Saturday, September 24
 8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of
 Epiphany Memorial Fund
 Helen Brooks
 5:00 pm Helen Brooks

Sunday, September 25
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Darius Vilcinskas



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday September 19-24
 • 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, September 18
 • 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
 • 9:00 am - Homecoming Clean Up, Parish Grounds
 • 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
 • 10:15 am RCIA, CMR
 • 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday, September 19
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
 • 5-8:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, September 20
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
 • 5-8:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 6:30 pm - Blue Knights, Little Flowers, Young Disciples & Pillars of the Faith, UH
 • 6:30 pm - Finance Committee Meeting, CMR

Wednesday, September 21
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
 • 5-8:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
 • 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, September 22
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
 • 5-8:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

Friday, September 23
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 • 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
 • 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH
 • 5-8:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Saturday, September 24

Sunday, September 25
 • 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
 • 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
 • 10:15 am RCIA, CMR
 • 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ethan Strauss	Ethan Sonderman	Mary Hipskind
Pat Wallis	Chris Perron	Dominic Caputa
Daniel Barr	George Limpert	Christine Weber
Ginny Basch	Jean Montrey	Joe Lopez
Bernice Connor	Jade Nesselhauf	Bob Kozemczak
Mary Mosblech	Nanette & Don McPherson	Thelma Boggiano

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF , SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/
 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35,
 4/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/
 Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/
 Lk 16:19-31

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2016

Sunday Collection

General Fund \$3,119.00
 General Fund Loose \$170.00
 General Fund Online .. \$1,571.00
Total..... \$4,860.00

Assumption \$10.00
 Latin \$10.00
 Maintenance & Repair... \$120.00
 M& R Online \$80.00
 SVDP \$45.00
 Votive \$32.00
 Debt \$ \$70.00(YTD)
 Tuition Assistance Online \$50.00 \$416.00(YTD)
 Endowment Fund..... \$ \$10.00(YTD)



The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.
 Deut 14:23**

III Julie Manning, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque & Jacob Laffler, Epiphany. Wedding at Epiphany on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

II Christine Costa, St. Mary Magdalen - Brentwood & Nino Finocchio, Epiphany. Wedding at Epiphany on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

I Lauren Welker, St. Gabriel the Archangel & Jesse Stuart, St. Gabriel the Archangel. Wedding at Epiphany on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

DIAPER DRIVE Epiphany will host a Diaper Drive in support of the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank a non-profit organization that exists to help strengthen low-income families in the St. Louis region by ensuring access to an adequate supply of diapers and by raising awareness about the causes and consequences of diaper need in our community.

Our participation will help these families who are unable to provide an adequate monthly supply of fresh diapers for their children. Our efforts in this diaper drive will go a long way to ensuring that these babies get a healthier start in life. On behalf of the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank and the families we will help, Thank You!

Our Diaper Drive will take place from September 17th through September 29th. Items needed include the following:

- Diapers size Newborn -6, all brands (*size 3, 4, 5 & 6 are most needed*)
- Pull ups - All sizes and brands
- Wipes - All brands



You can place your donated diapers in the playpen located in the vestibule of church.

Did you know?

- ◆ You can't buy diapers with food stamps or get them through WIC
- ◆ 22% of all children under five years old in the US live in poverty and 40% of children under five in St. Louis city live in poverty?
- ◆ If a family can't afford diapers, a baby may spend extended periods of time in the same soiled diaper.
- ◆ Diapers can cost an average of \$75-\$100 per month and that accounts for nearly 10% of the yearly income of a person living at the poverty line.

What this means: The severe health and social consequences for babies and families who do not have access to diapers is a bum deal. Lack of diapers can lead to a whole mountain of problems for families in need: unhappy babies, unhealthy communities, under-educated toddlers, and under-employed adults. ***Something as basic as a diaper can actually have a big impact on a family's ability to become financially stable and self-sufficient!***

Night at the Mouse Races in Memory of

DAN NERVIANI

Saturday, October 29, 2016 - Epiphany Gym

All Proceeds benefit the **Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation**. *Help bring a cure to this disease!* Doors Open at 6:30 pm; Races begin at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$20 and includes: entry fee, beer, set ups and popcorn. *Feel free to bring in your own snacks! Margaritas available for an additional donation. Seating limited—make your reservations today!* Send to: Trish Nerviani, 6840 Bradley Avenue St. Louis, MO 63139. Make checks payable to: Trish Nerviani. **Space permitting**, walk-ins welcome.

*****7 Mouse Races*****Winners Wheel*****

*****50/50 Mega Jackpot*****

*****Name a Mouse*****Plinko*****Raffles*****

For more information, to make a donation or reservation, contact Trish Nerviani at 314-560-9255, trishnerviani@aol.com

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Phone #: _____

Check # and amount: _____



Mark your Calendars and start saving your quarters to attend Epiphany's 3rd Annual Quarter Auction - Thursday, October 13, 2016. We have already gathered a huge array of wonderful items and gift certificates for you to bid on. Call the parish office or email to reserve a seat or a table today, 314-781-1199 or trishnerviani@aol.com

**Sacred Heart Villa on the Hill
11th Annual TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Saturday, September 24, 7 pm Electrical Workers' Hall
FUN!! FUN!! FUN!!**

Call Sister Jude Ruggeri A.S.C.J at 771-2224

**5th Annual Lindenwood Area
Senior Ministry Trivia Night**

We would love to see you and a table of your friends at our 5th Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, October 8th at Timothy Lutheran Church (6704 Fyler). Doors open at 6:30pm and trivia begins at 7pm. The time to register is now! Cost: \$20/person, tables of 8 at \$160. Soda and snacks provided. You are welcome to carry in additional beverages and snacks. If you are not able to attend, but would still like to support this event, you can donate a raffle prize, be a Round Sponsor or Trivia Friend! All proceeds will benefit the care and coordination of our core services: Saturday Servants, medical transportation, Stephen Ministry, case management, social & educational programming and our monthly newsletter. For reservations or questions, please contact the LASM office at 314-647-4591.

Chili Cookoff/Trunk OR Treat

Epiphany Chili Cook Off/GSA Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday October 22th at 6:00 pm in the gym. Bring a pot of your home made chili and enter the contest or just come join us for a snack and the fellowship! We will judge the chili entries, award prizes, and enjoy hot dogs and chili. If you would like to enter the contest, volunteer, need service hours, or need more information call Diane Calvert 314.922.3673. We will need help with judging, food setup and clean up, general clean up after event, etc. Come join us for a fun evening, and don't forget to tour the parking lot Trunk or Treat!

Country Style Dinner Saturday,

October 15th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Chicken & Dumplings or Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut. Adults \$9.00- includes 2 sides, dessert and drink. Children (6-12) \$5.00/ Under 6 FREE - includes 1 side, dessert and drink. Dine in or Carry Out - Handicapped Accessible. Call Sandy 314-544-2162 after 3 pm for more information. **PUMPKIN PATCH** Open October 2nd thru October 31st. Daily Hours 10:00 am 'til 7:00 pm. Pumpkins of all sizes available. Huge selection of gourds. Call Jerry 314-544-2162 for more information St Matthias Catholic Church - 796 Buckley Road - 63125.



Trivia Night St. Louis Police Wives Association is hosting a Trivia Night on October 14th at Royale Orleans. It is \$25 a person and includes open bar. For more information, please visit www.slpwatrivia2016.eventbrite.com